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## FIRST ISSUE OF NEWLY MERGED RESURGENCE & ECOLOGIST NOW AVAILABLE

The first issue of the newly merged *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine is now available.

In the September/October magazine – entitled 'A Shared Agenda' – Satish Kumar, its editor-in-chief, writes of the long-standing relationship between both publications, spanning some 40 years.

He says: "The *Ecologist* has spearheaded social, scientific and political ecology while *Resurgence* has led in the field of cultural, spiritual and artistic ecology. Zac Goldsmith and I agreed that the time was ripe to bring these two aspects together."

Zac Goldsmith MP and former editor of *the Ecologist*, writes: "After four decades of flirtation, the *Ecologist* and *Resurgence* have finally married. In a sense, they have always been connected. Although the tone and strategy of the two magazines has differed, philosophically they have always been as one, with a shared agenda.

"The *Ecologist* has been the bad-cop, challenging vast corporations, exposing corruption and shining light on unquestioned orthodoxies, while *Resurgence* has spearheaded cultural and artistic ecology. But the two journals have been as two wings of a bird. Both exist not just to generate sales, but to inspire an essential shift towards sustainability. I very much hope that readers of both magazines will support the marriage."

The September/October issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* is packed with articles by some of the country's leading environmental thinkers and writers. These include:



- Andy Atkins, executive director of Friends of the Earth, on the environmental agenda
- Nic Marks, founder of the Centre for Well-being at NEF, on creating happier futures
- John Naish journalist on "The Great Space Myth"
- Jonathon Porritt, founder director of Forum for the Future, on population growth
- Fiona Reynolds, departing National Trust director-general, on "The Value of Beauty"
- Charles Secrett, former director of Friends of the Earth, on the need for environmentalists to forge a ProActive Sustainability Movement
- Vandana Shiva- environmental activist on "The Rio U-Turn"
- Peter Waine, chairman of the Campaign to Protect England, on protecting the countryside to increase wellbeing.

Satish Kumar adds: "The modern industrial economy of the West now faces a grave crisis. Governments, business leaders and the media have almost lost sight of environmental issues and have become obsessed with economic growth whatever the cost. At the same time, as Charles Secrett boldly and frankly points out in his inspiring article in this issue, the environment movement itself is lacking momentum, influence and effectiveness. And so it is in this context that Resurgence and the Ecologist have joined forces with the single promise that together, we can do better."

This issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* is available at Waitrose or via <u>www.resurgence.org</u> or as an app from iTunes.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

- 1. For further information about Resurgence and the Ecologist visit www.resurgence.org.
- 2. Resurgence & Ecologist is currently published six times a year, at £4.95 an issue and is also available online. For individual copies or membership (6 issues a year) visit www.resurgence.org.
- 3. Resurgence and the Ecologist are published by The Resurgence Trust (no.1120414) an educational charity registered at Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon, EX39 6EE, UK.